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Phillip E. Byrd

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement of December 3, 2002, having an initial period of response expiring on January 3, 2003.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant's undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on October 29, 2001, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicant's undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

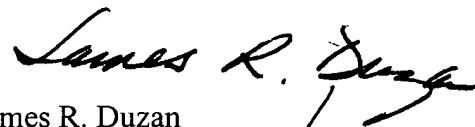
Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on June 25, 2001, and notes that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1 through 55 are currently pending in the application and subject to a Restriction Requirement. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention as set forth in Group I, having claims 1 through 21 therein, directed to a method of manufacturing a probe card, classified in Class 29, subclass 825.

Applicant respectfully requests a prompt action on the merits of claims 1 through 21.

Respectfully submitted,



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